

Monmouth, Ill.

July 14, 1898.

Dear Mamma.

This is Thurs. eve. I am going to begin my letter but don't suppose I can write long for the baby is fussy & sleepy.

Well - I just got that far last night & Mrs. Mc. Grath came in to the window and talked till I had to take the baby. It is five o'clock in the morning and I am going to write till 5:30 & then get breakfast. I was up with the baby at 20 min. before 5 - so I just

thought I'd stay up.  
I went up town yesterday  
morning Roy kept the  
baby and she was as  
good as could be. I was  
only gone an hour. I  
got 3 dresses and a pair  
of stockings for Eula. I  
have one dress made all  
but stitching the sleeves  
in. It is awful cute I  
got remnants of embroidery  
to trim them with. ✓  
I got two with a check  
in and one plain - I am  
going to hemstitch the  
plain one. I looked  
at the light calico but  
they looked so cheap. I  
thought next year would be  
time enough for her to



free. when  
we talk to her  
she mums  
her lips +  
fathers +  
try to talk - baby.  
sometimes she  
says ma-ma.  
but I guess  
she don't  
mean to. Roy  
said she said  
papa to him  
one night  
when I was  
asleep - well  
good by.

We will see about the  
hood when I come home  
It will be quite expensive  
I think, I could buy one  
ready made for about 75¢  
Well I will close for this  
time I want to write to  
Mate.

We sold a peck of potatoes  
to Leckie yesterday for 20¢  
Our potatoes are so large  
and nice and so many  
in a hill Roy only dug  
3 or 4 hills to get a peck  
Mrs. Lucas is going to  
take a bushel next week.  
I wish there would come

a good big rain - Those  
in the west patch need  
rain so bad. We have  
had one mess of pickles.  
They need rain too.

I tell I am done - Oh  
no I aint - Dr. Soule  
was in to see Baby  
Sunday - He made a big  
fun over her - He said  
she was just a little  
darling. (and she is too)  
She looked up at him  
& laughed - She always  
laughs when we talk to  
her. Some times when she  
is nursing - if I cough or  
sneeze or make any  
unusual noise she will  
stop long enough to laugh  
I wish you could see



Harry & Anna  
come up  
quite often  
in the  
evening but  
I never  
have been  
there to stay  
long - but  
once.

you just ought to see  
her. I think your  
new dress is awful  
pretty - I'd like one myself  
like it. Yes I wrote  
to Louie but I haven't  
heard from her since.

Well I guess I'll go  
& get breakfast I am  
going to make pancakes  
Roy & baby are both  
asleep yet.

Well it is now half  
past 9 and I have the  
dishes washed - sweeping done  
& baby asleep. It is awful  
hot today Roy is cutting

some bases at the marble  
shop. Mrs. Palmer & Luq  
& Evy were here Wednesday.  
to call on me.

"Say, Maud is in a  
"fix" & She will have an  
awful time I know for  
she is so lazy. She asked  
Mrs. M<sup>c</sup> Millam if she  
would do up her white  
skirts & shirt waists for  
her - Mrs. M<sup>c</sup> told her  
it was as much as she  
could do to do up her  
own clothes.

I think I will try and  
write once a week - I  
am always so anxious for  
Tuesdays - to get your  
letter - I will get along  
better now that I have



near calico.

My sweet peas are blooming but the poppies came up so thick in that bed that it nearly choked them out. The geraniums are blooming and are full of birds. The flower beans are in bloom and look real pretty.

I suppose your town made a noise yesterday over the surrender of Santiago - This I've did. All the whistles blow and they fired off guns & the band played. They are going to

have some celebration at  
Wrio office between 5-8  
6 this evening - if baby  
is awake maybe I'll go.

Mrs. Coons' boy that  
has been in the reg.  
army. came home yesterday.  
They wasn't looking for  
him & they were I'll so  
glad. Yes - I went  
over to Schman's once  
but Dora wasn't there.  
Leckie went with me -  
Mrs. Schman is not  
well at all this summer.  
Mrs. McFarland got  
home last Sunday. I  
haven't seen her yet.

The baby weighed 18  
lbs at 4 months old.

She has gained 3 lbs since  
in the last month.





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